

Message Text

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ACTION SS-15

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 A-01 SY-05 SSO-00 /034 W
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FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0608

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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: NA
TAGS: AMGT, APER, OGEN, ASEC
SUBJECT: MONITORING OR RECORDING OF CONVERSATIONS

REF: STATE 015108

1. FOR SOME TIME MSG'S ON DUTY THIS POST AFTER REGULAR
WORKING HOURS HAVE HAD CAPABILITY OF RECORDING INCOMING
TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS ON RANDOM BASIS WITHOUT CONSENT
AS SECURITY PRECUATION. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL I TERMINATED
THIS PRACTICE.

2. MSG'S ON DUTY ONLY RECORDED CALLS WHICH WERE SUSPICIOUS
OR QUESTIONABLE, I.E., BOMB THREATS, THREATS OF VIOLENCE,
CALLS IN GERMAN THAT THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND THROUGH LIMITED

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY, ETC. THIS GAVE EMBASSY ABILITY TO
REVIEW CALLS IN DETAIL AND NOTE SUBSTANCE AND ANY DISTIN-
GUISHING CHARACTERISTICS WHICH COULD BE PASSED ON TO THE
LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES IF SO REQUIRED. THIS ACTIVITY WAS
PURELY SECURITY IN NATURE AND NO FILE OF THESE TAPES IS
MAINTAINED.

3. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE THE DEPARTMENT ATTACHES TO
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COUNTERING TERRORISM, I REQUEST THAT AUTHORITY BE
GIVEN FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THIS SECURITY ACTIVITY. BUCHANAN

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Message Attributes

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